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BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT; CAPITOL  
RECORDS, INC.; ATLANTIC RECORDING  
CORPORATION; and ELEKTRA  
ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

07-04882

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BMG MUSIC, a New York general partnership;  
UMG RECORDINGS, INC., a Delaware  
corporation; SONY BMG MUSIC  
ENTERTAINMENT, a Delaware general  
partnership; CAPITOL RECORDS, INC., a  
Delaware corporation; ATLANTIC  
RECORDING CORPORATION, a Delaware  
corporation; and ELEKTRA  
ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC., a Delaware  
corporation,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN DOE,

Defendant.

CASE NO.

COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT <sup>ADR</sup>  
INFRINGEMENT

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

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2 1. This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for copyright infringement  
3 under the copyright laws of the United States (17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*).

4 2. This Court has jurisdiction under 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*; 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal  
5 question); and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) (copyright).

6 3. Venue in this District is proper. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1400(a). Although the  
7 true identity of Defendant John Doe ("Defendant") is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, on  
8 information and belief, Defendant may be found in this District and/or a substantial part of the acts  
9 of infringement complained of herein occurred in this District. On information and belief, personal  
10 jurisdiction in this District is proper because Defendant, without consent or permission of the  
11 copyright owner, disseminated over the Internet copyrighted works owned and/or controlled by  
12 Plaintiffs. On information and belief, such illegal dissemination occurred in every jurisdiction in the  
13 United States, including this one. In addition, Defendant contracted with an Internet Service  
14 Provider ("ISP") found in this District to provide Defendant with the access to the Internet which  
15 facilitated Defendant's infringing activities.

**PARTIES**

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17 4. Plaintiff BMG Music is a general partnership duly organized and existing under the  
18 laws of the State of New York, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

19 5. Plaintiff UMG Recordings, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the  
20 laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of California.

21 6. Plaintiff SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT is a Delaware general  
22 partnership, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

23 7. Plaintiff Capitol Records, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the  
24 laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

25 8. Plaintiff Atlantic Recording Corporation is a corporation duly organized and existing  
26 under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New  
27 York.  
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10. The true name and capacity of Defendant are unknown to Plaintiffs at this time. Defendant is known to Plaintiffs only by the Internet Protocol (“IP”) address assigned to Defendant by his or her ISP on the date and time of Defendant’s infringing activity. See Exhibit A. Plaintiffs believe that information obtained in discovery will lead to the identification of Defendant’s true name.

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**COUNT I**

**INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHTS**

11. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.

12. Plaintiffs are, and at all relevant times have been, the copyright owners or licensees of exclusive rights under United States copyright law with respect to certain copyrighted sound recordings, including, but not limited to, all of the copyrighted sound recordings on Exhibit A to this Complaint (collectively, these copyrighted sound recordings shall be identified as the “Copyrighted Recordings”). Each of the Copyrighted Recordings is the subject of a valid Certificate of Copyright Registration issued by the Register of Copyrights to each Plaintiff as specified on each page of Exhibit A.

13. Among the exclusive rights granted to each Plaintiff under the Copyright Act are the exclusive rights to reproduce the Copyrighted Recordings and to distribute the Copyrighted Recordings to the public.

14. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendant, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, has continuously used, and continues to use, an online media distribution system to download and/or distribute to the public certain of the Copyrighted Recordings. Exhibit A identifies the IP address with the date and time of capture and a list of copyrighted recordings that Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, downloaded and/or distributed to the public. Through his or her continuous and ongoing acts of downloading and/or distributing to the public the

1 Copyrighted Recordings, Defendant has violated Plaintiffs' exclusive rights of reproduction and  
2 distribution. Defendant's actions constitute infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and/or exclusive  
3 rights under copyright. (In addition to the sound recordings listed on Exhibit A, Plaintiffs are  
4 informed and believe Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, continuously  
5 downloaded and/or distributed to the public additional sound recordings owned by or exclusively  
6 licensed to Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' affiliate record labels, and Plaintiffs believe that such acts of  
7 infringement are ongoing. Exhibit A includes the currently-known total number of audio files being  
8 distributed by Defendant.)

9 15. Plaintiffs have placed proper notices of copyright pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 401 on  
10 each respective album cover of each of the sound recordings identified in Exhibit A. These notices  
11 of copyright appeared on published copies of each of the sound recordings identified in Exhibit A.  
12 These published copies were widely available, and each of the published copies of the sound  
13 recordings identified in Exhibit A was accessible by Defendant.

14 16. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the foregoing acts of infringement have been  
15 willful, intentional, and in disregard of and with indifference to the rights of Plaintiffs.

16 17. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and exclusive rights  
17 under copyright, Plaintiffs are entitled to statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c) against  
18 Defendant for each infringement of each copyrighted recording. Plaintiffs further are entitled to  
19 their attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

20 18. The conduct of Defendant is causing and, unless enjoined and restrained by this  
21 Court, will continue to cause Plaintiffs great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated  
22 or measured in money. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 502  
23 and 503, Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from further infringing  
24 Plaintiffs' copyrights, and ordering that Defendant destroy all copies of copyrighted sound  
25 recordings made in violation of Plaintiffs' exclusive rights.

1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

2 1. For an injunction providing:

3 "Defendant shall be and hereby is enjoined from directly or indirectly  
4 infringing Plaintiffs' rights under federal or state law in the  
5 Copyrighted Recordings and any sound recording, whether now in  
6 existence or later created, that is owned or controlled by Plaintiffs (or  
7 any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate record label of Plaintiffs)  
8 ("Plaintiffs' Recordings"), including without limitation by using the  
9 Internet or any online media distribution system to reproduce (*i.e.*,  
10 download) any of Plaintiffs' Recordings or to distribute (*i.e.*, upload)  
11 any of Plaintiffs' Recordings, except pursuant to a lawful license or  
12 with the express authority of Plaintiffs. Defendant also shall destroy  
13 all copies of Plaintiffs' Recordings that Defendant has downloaded  
14 onto any computer hard drive or server without Plaintiffs'  
15 authorization and shall destroy all copies of those downloaded  
16 recordings transferred onto any physical medium or device in  
17 Defendant's possession, custody, or control."

18 2. For statutory damages for each infringement of each Copyrighted Recording  
19 pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504.

20 3. For Plaintiffs' costs in this action.

21 4. For Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees incurred herein.

22 5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

23 Dated: September 20, 2007

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24 By: 

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26 Attorney for Plaintiffs  
27 BMG MUSIC; UMG RECORDINGS,  
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RECORDING CORPORATION; and  
ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT GROUP  
INC.



**EXHIBIT A****JOHN DOE****IP Address:** 207.62.146.100 2007-04-23 19:57:03 EDT**CASE ID#** 126527767**P2P Network:** Gnutella**Total Audio Files:** 552

<u>Copyright Owner</u>	<u>Artist</u>	<u>Recording Title</u>	<u>Album Title</u>	<u>SR#</u>
BMG Music	Dave Matthews Band	If I Had It All	Everyday	300-313
BMG Music	Mario	Just a Friend	Mario	318-136
UMG Recordings, Inc.	Guns N Roses	Paradise City	Appetite for Destruction	85-358
SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT	Incubus	I Miss You	Make Yourself	278-818
Capitol Records, Inc.	Norah Jones	Don't Know Why	Come Away With Me	320-120
Capitol Records, Inc.	Everclear	Brown Eyed Girl	Songs from an American Movie - Vol. I, Learning How to Smile	284-811
UMG Recordings, Inc.	Patsy Cline	Crazy	Heartaches	80-467
Atlantic Recording Corporation	Matchbox 20	Long Day	Yourself or Someone Like You	227-755
Elektra Entertainment Group Inc.	Keith Sweat	Nobody	Keith Sweat	226-496